

Summary of October Policy Group



Memorandum

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To: BDAC Members

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Subject: Summary of October Policy Group Meeting

This memo provides a summary of two items discussed at the October 15, 1998 Policy Group meeting that may be of interest to BDAC members at the October meeting.

CALFED Governance. The Policy Group directed CALFED staff to continue work on the issue of CALFED governance in Phase II which would include governance of the ecosystem restoration program. Emphasis needs to be placed on what functions are needed to implement the CALFED Program before discussion of what governance structure is appropriate. State and federal agencies were asked to identify representatives to more closely participate in this effort.

Madera Ranch Conjunctive Use Project. The Policy Group took the following action regarding Madera Ranch:

"Properly developed conjunctive use projects are necessary components of a successful CALFED Program. The Madera Ranch Groundwater Banking Project represents one such opportunity. However, several issues, including technical and environmental review issues, have been raised by various local governments, landowners and other stakeholder groups. At its October 15, 1998 meeting, the CALFED Policy Group directed CALFED staff to work with the project sponsors and stakeholders to resolve the issues regarding the project. Constructively resolving these issues with the local stakeholders is critical to any future decision by CALFED to provide funding for this project."

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service